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**Israel Premier David Ben-Gurion's chief aim in his talks with President Eisenhower and other Western leaders is to protect Israeli interests in case the East-West summit conference in May should decide to deal with the Middle East.**

This description of the meaning of the Ben-Gurion visit to Washington was provided in Tel Aviv yesterday by Chaim Yabli, director general of the Israeli Foreign Ministry.

Yahil told a Chamber of Commerce meeting in Tel Aviv, Reuters reported, that there was some danger of a hasty agreement between East and West in event the Paris East-West summit conference deadlocked on major issues such as Germany.

## Shift in Talks Feared

"In order to avoid the impression of failure of the summit talks," he continued, "discussion might be shifted to the Middle Eastern issue and any sort of agreement thus conceivably may be reached."

Yahil said it had been found necessary to "clarify the Middle Eastern issues and Israel's role in the region. This is probably the chief aim of Ben-Gurion's trip in addition to exchange views and information."

He said there was a sincere desire in Israel for the success of summit talks in easing world tension. "If this trend be evident it is of vital interest for us that the relaxation of tension would apply to the Middle East, too."

Touching on Israel's security problems, Yahlil said: "Rearmament is being conducted in the region at a terrific pace and countries hostile to Israel receive a continuous and ever-growing flow of mighty weapons."

He claimed Israel never had tried to obtain a quantitative analysis of the soil. He said that the soil was tested by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers in 1957. He said that the soil was tested by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers in 1957. He said that the soil was tested by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers in 1957.

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Ben-Gurion has been told in private talks, the Herald Tribune News Service reported, that the United States still feels bound to the spirit of the 1950 tripartite declaration (with England and France) which committed this country to use its influence and if necessary its power to thwart aggression from either the Arab or the Israeli side.

It was conveyed to the Premier, however, that no public assurance of this nature would be made to avoid adding to Israeli-Arab tensions.

As to purchase of arms, the Herald Tribune News Service reported that the United States indicated it would not discourage its allies from meeting Israel's needs but did not itself wish to contribute to the Mideast armaments race.

While Ben-Gurion was exchanging views here, a Bonn report said West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer is expected to meet the Israeli leader in New York Sunday or Monday for discussion of mutual problems.

### First Meeting

Ben-Gurion's expected meeting with Adenauer was reported from Bonn by the New York Herald Tribune News Service. It would be the first meeting between the two statesmen. Ben-Gurion has advocated diplomatic relations between the two nations but the Arab nations have warned Adenauer that it will retaliate by sending envoys to Communist East Germany if he establishes relations with Israel, the Herald Tribune said.

As a result, the report added, Adenauer is expected to suggest no move at this time.

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